

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING  
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Testimony Supporting House Bill No. 5046

AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

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Senator Fonfara, Representative Berger and distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill No. 5046, An Act Concerning Revenue Items to Implement the Governor's Budget.

This bill contains the major revenue elements of the Governor's plan for the 2017 midterm budget. FY 2017 General Fund revenue would increase by \$0.2 million and Transportation Fund revenue would increase by \$0.8 million.

**Impact of Proposals on State General Fund Revenue**  
(In Millions)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Tax/Provision</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
2	Increase DOL Filing Fees for grievances	\$0.2

Section 2: Increase Department of Labor Filing Fees for grievances. This proposal increases the grievance fee from \$25 to \$200. Raising the filing fee will help to ensure that complaints are filed in good faith. This will result in an increase of \$0.2 million in the General Fund's Licenses, Permits and Fees revenue account.

**Impact of Proposals on State Special Transportation Fund Revenue**  
(In Millions)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Tax/Provision</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
1	Increase permit fees for oversize/overweight vehicles	\$0.8

Section 1: Increase permit fees for oversize/overweight vehicles. This proposal makes a series of changes to the oversize and overweight vehicle permits. This will result in an increase of \$0.8 million in the Special Transportation Fund's Licenses, Permits and Fees revenue account.

These permits have remained unchanged since 1992. This section makes the following changes:

1. Broadens the definition of a vehicle that falls under the oversize/overweight permit
2. Increases the cost of a single trip permit from \$23 to \$25
3. Increases the transmittal fee from \$3 to \$5
4. Increases the annual fee from \$7 per thousand pounds to \$9 per thousand pound
5. Increases the monthly divisible load permits from 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the annual fee per month to \$100 per month
6. Increases the minimum annual fee of an oversize load from \$500 to \$650

I respectfully request that the committee support this bill. I would like to again thank the committee for the opportunity to present this testimony.